

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Budinger et al.

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ADJUSTED RATE OF WEAR

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**ELECTION AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed 01/30/2000, election with traverse is made hereby to prosecute the invention of Group II with method claims 16 and 10-14 being readable thereon. Attention is directed to the fact that claims 10-14 are method claims, and are not product claims.

The restriction requirement divides product claims, Group I, from method claims, Group II. Accordingly, method claims 10-14 should not be grouped with the product claims 1-9 and 17-32 of Group I. Instead, method claims 10-14 should be grouped with the method claim(s) 16 of Group II.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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